



Partners - Links

CCEE	Council of European Bishops' Conferences – www.ccee.eu
COMECE	Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union – www.comece.eu
CEC/KEK	Conference of European Churches – www.ceceurope.org
UISG	International Union of Superiors General – www.uisg.org
USG	Union of General Superiors – www.usgroma.org
ELF	European Forum of National Laity Committees – www.europ-forum.org
AEFJN	Africa-Europe Faith and Justice Network – www.aefjn.org
JESC	Jesuit European Social Centre – www.jesc.eu
EVS	European Vocations Service – www.ccee.eu
CMIS	World Conference of Secular Institutes – www.cmis-int.org
CLAR	Latin-American Confederation of Religious – www.clar.org
ACLRI	Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes - www.catholicreligious.org.au
URCAO	Regional Union of the Conferences of Major Superiors of Western French-speaking Africa
CRC	Canadian Religious Conference – www.crc-canada.org
RENOVABIS	Solidarity action of the German Catholics with Eastern Europe – www.renovabis.de



Members

ALBANIA	KShËL
AUSTRIA	ÖOK - www.ordensgemeinschaften.at
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BULGARIA	CSB - www.bogoposveteni.capucini.bg
CROATIA	HRK - www.redovnistvo.hr
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FRANCE	CORREF - www.viereligieuse.fr
GERMANY	DOK - www.orden.de
GREECE	EKME
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ITALY	USMI - www.usminazionale.it CISM
LATVIA	LKDIPAK – konsekretie.lv
LITHUANIA	LMVAVK
LUXEMBOURG	CNRL
MALTA	KSMR
NETHERLANDS	KNR - www.knr.nl
POLAND	KWPZZZ - www.zakony-zenskie.pl KWPZM - www.zyciezakonne.pl
PORTUGAL	CIRP – www.cirp.pt
ROMANIA	CRSM CSMR
RUSSIA	CORSUM – www.corsum.ru
SLOVAKIA	KVRPS – www.kvrps.sk
SLOVENIA	KORUS – korus.rkc.si
SPAIN	CONFER - www.confer.es
SWITZERLAND	USMSR - www.kovos.ch VONOS - www.kovos.ch VOS/USM - www.kovos.ch
UKRAINE	UGKK (Greek Catholic) CORU (Roman Catholic) - konfnovyny.blogspot.com
UNITED KINGDOM	COR (Engl./Wales) - www.corew.org CRS (Scotl.) - www.religiousordersscotland.org

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General Secretariat

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A history

- 1981** Creation of UCESM
- 1983** Approval of the canonical statutes by CICALSAL (Decree AG5-4/81)
- General Assemblies**
- 1983** ROME (I): Statutory General Assembly
- 1985** ROME (I): “Religious life and young people today”
- 1987** MADRID (E): “The challenge of happiness: the contribution of religious life to the quality of Christian life”
- 1989** MOSTA (MT): “Religious and laity for a new Evangelization of Europe”
- 1991** LISBON (P): “New Europe and Third World. What kind of religious life?”
- 1993** OLOMOUC (CZ): “Mutual relations between bishops and religious in Europe”
- 1995** FREISING (D): “Evolution and identity of religious life”
- 1997** ROME (I): “To do justice from a Christian perspective”
- 1999** DUBROVNIK (HR): “Called to become benediction”
- 2001** SALZBURG (A): “Go over to the other side, do not be afraid!”
- 2004** LJUBLJANA (SLO): “The role of religious life in the formation of an ethical conscience in a multicultural Europe”
- 2006** FATIMA (P): “Religious life today: our spiritual life vis-à-vis the challenges in Europe”
- 2008** TORHOUT (B): “What contribution does our community life make to Europe?”
- 2010** CZESTOCHOWA (PL): “Religious Life in Europe: stories of hope, hope for history”
- 2012** LOURDES (F): “Religious men and women in Europe: Life as a Vocation”
- 2015** TIRANA (AL): “Religious men and women in Europe: Witnesses and Shapers of Communion”
- 2016** ROME (I): “UCESM – Memory and Prophecy”
- 2018** SNAGOV (RO): “Widen the space of your tent” (Is 54.2)
- 2020** ROGGENBURG (D): “Together on the way to face the challenges of religious life in Europe”
- 2022** KERKRADE (NL): “The Future of Religious Life in Europe”



Structure

General Assembly

of the Presidents and General Secretaries of all national member Conferences, taking place every two years.

This is an instance of representation, formation, debate, sharing and decision-making.

Executive Committee

composed of a President, a Vice-President and two Councillors.

The Committee meets monthly by zoom and once a year in person.

They implement the decisions taken by the General Assembly, prepare the Assemblies, reflect on religious life.

Present mandate (2022-2026):

President: Fr. Jānis Meļņikovs sj (LV)
 Vice-President: Sr. Olena Bys csa (UA)
 Councillor: Sr. Vojtěcha Zikešová cim conc (CZ)
 Councillor: Fr. Mark-Robin Hoogland cp (NL)

General Secretariat

made up of a General Secretary and his/her staff (translations, accountancy, finances) with headquarters in Brussels.

The Secretariat fosters relations, communication and implementation.

Secretary General (2022-2026):

Sr. Marjolein Bruinen op (NL)

Her assistant:

Mrs. Nicole Jacqué (B)
 Secretariat-Translations-Accountancy

Treasurer

Abbot Erik De Sutter o.praem (B)



Purposes

- ⇒ promote, coordinate and animate the common initiatives and services of the national Conferences of Major Superiors of Europe and possibly with other international organizations
- ⇒ foster initiatives of common interest
- ⇒ represent the members of UCESM whenever the presence of a representative of the religious of Europe and of the members of societies of apostolic life is desired or requested
- ⇒ gather the members in General Assemblies

